

Staff & Faculty Senate Leadership,

Thank you for reaching out to better understand the recent changes to parking at Wright State University's Dayton campus.

To answer some points, you requested clarification;

Can you share the motivation for these changes?

We are attempting to put our students at the center of everything we do. Relationship, Recruitment, and Retention is our mission and offering our student customers more access to parking and more affordable parking is a great way to demonstrate that priority. The parking changes are framed by (5) specific actions:

Change 1: *Allowing students the access and parking privileges to park in all parking lots.*

- Prior to these changes, students were only able to park in certain lots.

Change 2: *Allowing students to park in both, white and yellow spaces.*

- Prior to these changes, students were only able to park in white-lined spaces.

Change 3: *Students having the option to purchase reserved spaces (Rowdy Permits).*

- Prior to these changes, employees were only eligible for reserved spaces.

Change 4: *Residential students can park on main campus.*

- Prior to these changes, residential students had to walk or ride a shuttle bus from their apartments/dormitories and were not allowed to park in main campus lots.

Change 5: *Reduced parking pricing for students by 20% and allowed annual privileges.*

- Prior to these changes, students were paying 20% more for parking and now the permits are good for annual parking privileges.

When will there be a communication to the entire campus community to clarify confusion regarding changes that have been made to parking lots and passes?

There have been several communications to the campus community about the parking changes. As it relates specifically to employees the last communication stated that more information will follow. As a reminder, student permits are sold at the beginning of an academic year. Employee permits have always been sold on a calendar year. This has created some confusion, because we operate with two (2) different permit periods. We are working with the Human Resources and Finance Teams to try to consolidate student and employee parking into one program which will alleviate the confusion. As we approach closer to the end of the calendar year there will be more information shared.

Policy changes are being reviewed and will be amended to reflect all of the positive changes as it relates to parking. That said, I am happy to address some of the questions that have been raised, I will be happy to do so.

1. Can Staff and Faculty with existing B passes purchase Raider passes?

- a. Yes, these can be upgraded however, the upgrade would be at the pro-rated pricing of \$475 price until the end of the year. This is the case because the pricing system has limitations. If someone wanted to upgrade from a B pass to a Rowdy pass the pro-rated cost would be (\$62.50, per month) to take them to the end of this calendar year. It should be noted that upgrades are not usually allowed during the permit cycle. Again, that's because there are limitations to the parking management system which requires a lot of behind the scenes work to offer this service right now.

2. Must visitor's check-in at the booth in Lot 2 prior to parking in a Raider spot?

- a. Nothing much has changed with respect to Visitor parking other than expanding options for our campus visitors. Visitors can continue to check-in to Lot 2 like they have done historically or if you have a visitor you may request a pass. The visitor permits now state our guests can park in Rowdy spaces. Our incredible student workers who work in our visitor booth are also sharing this information.

3. Are Raider spots always restricted or are they available after 4pm for Faculty and Staff?

- a. Nothing is changing. The DPS team is not issuing citations to anyone holding a valid parking permit for parking in Raider spots after 4pm. However, if someone does not have a permit in general they will. Receive a citation.

4. Are employees expected to continue the practice outlined and avoid white spaces, when possible, out of respect for commuter students?

- a. Personally, I'd encourage everyone to do everything we can to demonstrate to our students they are valued and our highest priority every single day. Given the prevalence of parking spaces individuals should feel free to park where ever their permit allows. I would also encourage only those who have a Rowdy (formerly "A") permit to park in a Rowdy space as we have begun to issue citations.

Requested Data:

1. Raider Permit Data;

- 450 spaces
- 185 permits sold
 - The number of spaces converted to Rowdy spaces was based off estimates. We are seeing increases daily and expect additional increases after first of the year. Once we have a sense of the overall demand the number of spaces will be adjusted accordingly.

2. Employee Data;

- 1,251 permits sold
- 2,476 total employees

3. **Student Data;**

- 4,606 permits sold
- Est. 9,600 students on Dayton Campus

We have over 7,000 parking spaces available on campus, this does not include the Nutter Center lots. As we have patrolled the Lots since the start of Fall semester it's clear there is plenty of parking availability. Certainly, the spots closer to buildings are more full and that underscores the success in making them available to our student customers.

Our goal is and will continue to be to serve our students. I believe this is a reason that SGA passed a resolution supporting these changes and thanking the university.

I want to thank you for reaching out for further information. As a two-time alumnus of WSU, fellow staff member, and have served as an adjunct faculty member, I have had the opportunity to experience all the great things our Wright State team does. I appreciate all the tireless work and the service you all demonstrate to our students.

Respectfully,

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